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SUBJECT: PROTEST TO SOVEMBASSY ON ACTIVITIES OF PETR I.

MEDVEDEV

1. FOLLOWING NOTE WAS HANDED BY EUR/SOV DIRECTOR GARRISON
TO SOVIET EMBASSY DCM VORONTSOV ON JULY 30:

QUOTE THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE DEEMS IT NECESSARY TO
STATE THE FOLLOWING TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNION OF SOVIET
SOCIALIST REPUBLICS:

QUOTE RECENTLY PETR I. MEDVEDEV, ATTACHE OF THE SOVIET
EMBASSY, MET AN AMERICAN CITIZEN AT A TECHNICAL EXHIBIT
HELD IN THE MARYLAND SUBURBS OF WASHINGTON, D.C. MEDVEDEV
CONTACTED THE AMERICAN CITIZEN ON SUBSEQUENT OCCASIONS AND
ASKED HIM TO OBTAIN ITEMS WHICH WERE NOT AVAILABLE TO
MEDVEDEV BECAUSE OF LEGAL RESTRICTIONS ON THEIR SALE TO
CERTAIN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

QUOTE IT IS PERFECTLY CLEAR THAT ACTIONS OF THIS KIND IN NO
WAY CONFORM TO THE AIM OF DEVELOPING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE
TWO COUNTRIES. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE REGISTERS A PROTEST
TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY WITH REGARD TO THE IMPERMISSIBLE
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CONDUCT OF MR. MEDVEDEV. THE DEPARTMENT EXPECTS THAT THE

EMBASSY WILL TAKE STEPS TO PREVENT FURTHER ACTIVITIES OF

THIS KIND BY MEDVEDEV OR BY ANY MEMBER OF THE EMBASSY STAFF. SUCH ACTIVITIES CLEARLY RAISE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THE PRESENCE IN THE UNITED STATES OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO PERFORM THEM.

2. VORONTSOV QUERIED GARRISON ON SPECIFIC ITEMS INVOLVED. GARRISON REPLIED IT WAS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE ASIDE FROM WHATEVER ITEMS MR. MEDVEDEV HAD IN MIND. VORONTSOV SAID HE RESERVED COMMENT UNTIL HE COULD CHECK INTO THE MATTER. KISSINGER

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